

November 15, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for **12** years, is **20 acres** from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in **noise, traffic, safety problems at rail crossings, etc.** will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

I have been unhappy with getting up in the middle of the night with the noise now, especially with the whistles that blow for such a long period of time. I cannot even imagine having this go on constantly. They blow the whistle all the way from Main Street to Otis Road and beyond. And then of course there is getting downtown, what a nightmare that will be.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain **we will not suffer more of this abuse.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia Caba". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.